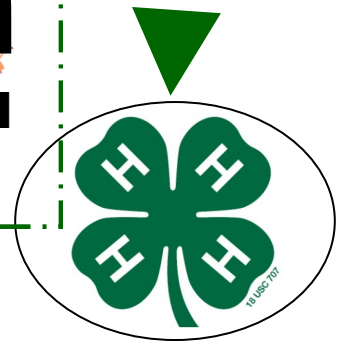


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Newsletter for Grant County 4-H

October 2016



DATES TO REMEMBER

October 2-8	National 4-H Week
October 3	Family Game Night @ 6-7 PM—Exhibit Building
October 3	4-H Leaders Meeting @ 7:15 PM—Exhibit Building
October 4	County Commissioner Proclamation @ 7:50 a.m.— Courthouse
October 5-8	Western Junior Livestock Show— Rapid City
October 9-14	Sara Gone—NAE4- HA Conference in New Orleans
October 25	4-H Junior Leaders Meeting @ 4:30 p.m.—4-H Office

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Advisor Comments...

This past week, I was at the annual Extension Conference in Brookings. The four days was filled with information to build your professional portfolio. One of the speakers reference guided us, Extension professionals, to be Rock Stars! He referenced Bruce

Springsteen on his accomplishments and failures as a musician. Just like Springsteen, we learn about making the most of our career.

Just like 4-H members, you will be planning for a new 4-H year, filled with many accomplishments like years past. There may have been things that you may have not

expected. Needless, you can always make the most of your 4-H experiences. You are all Rock Stars!

As we prepare for a new 4-H year, I challenge you to step out of your normal surroundings. Take a leadership position, offer to assist on an activity, or mentor a new family.

Grant County 4-H Prepares for National 4-H Week

There is a lot in store for this year's National 4-H Week. We are looking forward to a great week to kick off the start of a new 4-H year!

Family Fun Night

Make plans to attend this year's 4-H Carnival on October 3 at 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the 4-H Exhibit Building located at the 4-H Grounds, east of Milbank.

This event is open to all. Our 4-H Clubs will be offering games, There will also be our Shooting Sports special interest group on hand.

Bring a friend or friends out to show them what you can do when joining a club and participating in 4-H.

Commissioner's Proclamation

Our Grant County Commissioners has developed a National

4-H Week Proclamation. Signing and presentation of the proclamation will be held Tuesday, October 4 at 8:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Room.

We ask if youth and volunteers would like to be part of the presentation and photo, to be present at 7:50 a.m.



Deadlines!

It is each families responsibility to adhere to deadlines. If the deadline date falls on a weekend date, you will have the next business day to turn in any materials. **Do not miss any upcoming deadlines!**

Enroll for the 2016-2017 4-H Year

We will be using 4HOnline.com again this year. All returning members must register through 4HOnline.com using your e-mail address. Please do not create a new account if you are enrolling in 4-H. All enrollment paperwork, code of conduct, medial waivers will be electronically signed in 4HOnline.com.

All Shooting Sports participants starting in January enroll through 4-H Online. Past Shooting

participants already have an account created and do the 4-H Online process prior to registration.

In regards to 4-H participation is age. Youth to participate in activities, such as Shooting Sports must be 8 years old as of January 1, 2017.

All new members will need to complete the 4HOnline.com registration as well. One important note, every family must have an e-mail address in order to

enroll in 4-H.

If you have any problems or questions about registration, please don't hesitate to contact the 4-H office at 605-432-9221.



4-H Leaders Training available for all

SDSU Extension and the State 4-H Office invite all 4-H Leaders, volunteers, parents of 4-H members and those interested in volunteering to attend the first of four 4-H Leader Trainings held October 18, 2016 from 7 to 9 p.m. (CST) at all eight SDSU Extension Regional Centers and in Brookings on the campus of South Dakota State University.

During this meeting, which will be the first to be held quarterly during the 2016-2017 4-H year, leaders and volunteers will have the opportunity to learn about the following:

- Volunteer opportunities: learn about re-certification opportunities and promotional pieces that will help recruit more volunteers;
- Youth Development Training;
- Character All-Stars: During this session you will learn: how schools may participate; about the GROW YOUR SELFie, a six-lesson series and how you can bring the lessons back to

your club and county;

- Networking and planning for future trainings.

The meetings will be led by SDSU Extension 4-H staff and experienced volunteers both remotely and in-person.

Audrey Rider, SDSU Extension 4-H Volunteer Field Specialist explains that the trainings will focus on a variety of training topics and keep everyone informed throughout the 4-H year.

Save the Dates

Other upcoming training dates include: January 17, 2017, April 18, 2017 and one date in July which has yet to be determined when a State Fair preparation event will be held.

Addresses for SDSU Extension Regional Centers are as follows:

- SDSU Extension Regional Center, Aberdeen - 13 Second Ave. SE, Aberdeen, SD 57401;
- SDSU Extension Regional

Center, Lemmon - 408 Eighth St. W., Lemmon, SD 57638;

- SDSU Extension Regional Center, Mitchell - 1800 E. Spruce St., Mitchell, SD 57301;
- SDSU Extension Regional Center, Pierre - 412 W. Missouri Ave., Pierre, SD 57501;
- SDSU Extension Regional Center, Rapid City - 711 N. Creek Drive, Rapid City, SD 57703;
- SDSU Extension Regional Center, Sioux Falls - 2001 E. Eighth St., Sioux Falls, SD 57103;
- SDSU Extension Regional Center, Watertown - 1910 W. Kemp Ave., Watertown, SD 57201 and
- SDSU Extension Regional Center, Winner - 325 S. Monroe St., P.O. Box 270, Winner, SD 57580.

Getting Started: Your 2016-2017 4-H Checklist

October 1 marks the first day of a new year of 4-H! This time of the year is exciting as youth are starting to plan projects for the upcoming year and what to participate in. We are excited for the opportunities and programs being built for our county 4-H youth.

Member Checklist:

- ☐ *Enroll or Re-enroll on 4-H Online* at <http://bit.ly/2dcNivg>. If you are re-enrolling in 4-H, do not create a new profile. If you do not recall your login information, please contact the 4-H Office.
- ☐ *Update project on 4-H Online* (by May 31st).
- ☐ *Contact the office to ensure you are receiving the county's monthly newsletter* (Grant County Clover Patch).
- ☐ *Check your emails!* That is how the Extension Office communicates with you. If you do not have email,

please communicate with the 4-H Office on how we can provide communication with you.

- ☐ *Print a copy of 4-H Record to work during the 4-H year.* (Suggestion: complete a section at the end of each monthly meeting.)
- ☐ *Ask questions!* We are here to help!

Leader & Volunteer Checklist:

- ☐ *Enroll or Re-enroll on 4-H Online.* Adults complete the adult enrollment process.
- ☐ *4-H Leaders*, you have access once you become an active volunteer to view your member records. Please attempt to try to view your club membership.
- ☐ *Communicate with new families about your first club meeting.*
- ☐ *Submit club financial report by October 30* (from club's treasurer's book).

- ☐ *Club and Project leaders to view position description and sign.* Available at <https://goo.gl/g7iOwS> and please turn in by October 30.

While the 4-H Club provides a wonderful small group learning environment for the positive development of young people, it is not the only way to become a 4-H member. Our 4-H program offers independent membership. Youth's work is self-directed with guidance and support of parents and mentors.

Our county 4-H program has revised the criteria for independent members to allow members to complete a 4-H year and be eligible for awards and scholarships.

Please contact Sara for more information on independent membership guidelines.

National 4-H Week

Show us your 4-H spirit with our photo challenge! Post a picture on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram now through Saturday, October 8, and tag it with the hashtags #GrantCountySD4H AND #4HGrowsHere to be entered into a drawing.

Photo 1: 4-H Selfie (#4HSelfie)

Take a selfie of you and your 4-H awesomeness!

Photo 2: Favorite 4-H Event (#4HEvent)

Share a picture from your favorite 4-H event; fair, camp, club meetings. Show us how much you love to be involved.

Photo 3: 4-H Friends (#4HFriends)

How many friends have you made in 4-H? Share a picture of you and your 4-H friends that you've bonded with!

Photo 4: Throw Back (#4HThrowback)

Share a picture from your early days in 4-H. Photos must be two or more years old.

Day 5: 4-H Spirit (#4HSpirit)

Show us your 4-H spirit with your favorite shirt, SWAG, or anything to show your love for 4-H!

By tagging and submitting a photo, you consent to it being shared on the Grant County 4-H social media sites. One photo from each day must be submitted to be eligible. Open to all!

**"Trust yourself. You know more than you think you do."
Benjamin Spock**

Calendar of Events

(Dates are subject to change.)

October 2-8—National 4-H Week

October 3-8 —World Dairy Expo, Madison, WI

October 5-8—Western Junior Livestock Show & 4-H FCS Show, Rapid City

October 10— Native American Day (Office Closed)

November 6—Grant County 4-H Recognition Event at 1:00 p.m.—Milbank High School Cafeteria

November 11—Veteran's Day (Office Closed)

Do you have a BIG Idea? Could be worth \$1,000!



The BIG Idea Competition is launching its 10th year of competition this fall. High school students across

South Dakota are invited to compete in this business idea competition, and winners will compete for up to \$5,000 in cash prizes and scholarships. The optional Marketing Design competition allows students to

submit an ad for their idea and to compete for additional prize money. New this year is a Wellness Category sponsored by Sanford Health that awards an additional \$500 to the best business idea addressing wellness.

Students may work individually or as a team and will be able to submit their business idea applications online from September 1st through October 31st. The online application as

well as various resources and examples can be accessed at the BIG Idea website: www.BIGIdeaSD.com.

All applications submitted by October 31st will be reviewed and ranked by several judges from the business community. The eight top scoring applications will be invited to the final competition which will be on December 8th at Northern State University.

Share artwork for 4-H Calendar—November 1

Calling all aspiring 4-H artists! If you enjoy drawing, painting, taking photos or creating sculptures, submit a photo of your art work. You could be selected to be featured in an upcoming 4-H calendar.

All forms of media are eligible, but can only accept photos of the

artwork not the artwork itself.

Deadline to submit entries is November 1, 2016. To complete your submission, visit <http://4-h.org/4-h-calendar/>.



4-H Leaders provide Camp Fee Assistance

The SD 4-H Leader's Association will again assist with camp fees in 2016. There is a \$25 scholarship available for 4-H'ers who attend Camp Poinsett, Bob Marshall or North Central. There is a \$50 scholarship available for 4-H'ers who attend TLC or Performing Arts. Here is how the scholarship program works.

• Step 1 – Register for the 2016 camp and pay the full camp

fees.

- Step 2 – Attend camp and have a great time!!
- Step 3 – Tell a group about camp. For the \$25 4-H Camp scholarship, tell one group. For the \$50 TLC or Performing Arts Camp scholarship tell two groups.
- Step 4 – Complete the camp assistance/scholarship application form with all

signatures and submit to the SD 4-H Leaders. You will receive your scholarship money within 2 weeks of its receipt.

You will find the form on our website at <http://www.santel.net/~sd4hleader/s/doc/App-CampFeeAssistance.pdf>.

Applications are due by **December 31, 2016.**

2016 Recognition Event—November 6th

This year's Recognition Event is scheduled for Sunday, November 6th. Ice Cream Social will start at 1:00 PM and the recognition program will begin at 1:30 PM in the Milbank High School Cafeteria. This is a great way to come together as a 4-H family and celebrate the accomplishments of our youth over the year!

During this event, members are awarded for their year successes. There are three kinds of recognition available to 4-H member: participation,

achievement and project awards. Members that have met the requirements can earn their 1st, 5th, and 10 year membership pins.

Also awarded are achievement pins, project medals, project achievements, Achievement Day livestock awards, showmanship awards, club Herdsmanship awards, Cloverbud and static awards, and much more!

Club Work Schedule for Recognition Event:

Set Up & Decorating:

Young Farmers, Young Explorers, & Northern Lights

Serving:

Shooting Stars & Junior Busy Bees

Clean up:

Saddle Pals, Madison Jr Livestock, & Kountry Kids

Text, Talk Vote—Youth Conversation on Voting & Civic Engagement

The 2016 election has brought an enormous amount of excitement, frustration, and passion forth in our communities. As we talk about our shared future, it's essential we have the tools to engage with one another in a positive and productive way.

4-H is committed to helping youth across the nation engage and rise to meet the challenges in their communities and across the nation. Earlier this year we used with the Text, Talk platform to bring conversations around mental health to our 4-H programs. We're now excited to expand our partnership once again to make the Text, Talk, Vote platform available for your programming.

Text, Talk, Vote uses text messaging to facilitate a face-to-face

conversation on voting and civic engagement. Participants gather in small groups (3-5 people). They text VOTE to the number 42016 to receive a series of text messages that guides their group through a conversation: what you care about, how you feel about the election, and how to get engaged. The text messages include videos, social media interactions, polling questions and discussion questions.

Throughout the week of Oct 16-22, 4-H is teaming up to bring Text, Talk, Vote to all of our 4-H programs, free of charge. Here are three things you can do to help out:

1. TRY It

- It's easy! Simply text "Vote" to 42016 and follow the prompts. Text, Talk, Act is available for you to **try right now**.

2. SHARE IT

- Share this information with your local 4-H programs. Simply forward this announcement and/or the attached flyer, to program staff.

3. HOST IT

- Bring Text, Talk, Act to your 4-H program. It takes less than an hour, and you can do it anytime that's convenient for your group. [Click here](#) for tips on organizing Text, Talk, Vote.

There are prompts in the program for discussions with those teens not old enough to vote and for young voters. This is an exercise around civic engagement for all young people. The platform is open for use anytime between now and the election. We are focusing on the one week in October, but anytime is fine.

Upcoming 4-H Leaders Meeting—October 3

The next Grant County 4-H Leaders meeting is planned for Monday, October 3 at 7:00 p.m. at the conclusion of 4-H Family

Game Night.

The meeting will be held at the 4-H Exhibit Building.

Items of discussion, not limited to: 4-H Recognition Event, County-wide Power Project Days, and Election of Officers

Youth Town Hall Meeting

An youth town hall meeting is being planned for Monday, November 14 at 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Grant County Courthouse Community Room.

This is an opportunity for all active 4-H members to participate. The purpose of this town hall meeting will only allow youth to share their thoughts on the 4-H program. Parents are welcome to observe. Pizza will be provided starting at 5:00 p.m.

The Grant County 4-H Promotion and Expansion Committee will assist in facilitating discussion as there will be discussion topics available in the November newsletter.

Upcoming Junior Leader Meeting

Junior Leaders is designed to provide members with the opportunity to learn about the qualities and competencies needed to be a leader. They provide assistance with specific projects or with more general 4-H activities and events. Junior leaders heighten their leadership experiences. Leadership is the ability to influence and support others in a positive manner for a common goal. Leadership is a set of skills and attitudes that can be learned and developed that will help the leader influence the actions of others.

An schedule meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 25 at 4:30 p.m. We will be discussing future plans for Junior Leaders.

Stay Connected with Grant County 4-H!

Find information at: SDSU Extension iGrow (www.igrow.org), Grant County South Dakota 4-H Facebook Page, or Grant County Website (www.grantcounty.sd.gov/countyoffices/extension)
Check out our Facebook Calendar for upcoming activities and events!

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